



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): AOKI et al.

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Title: FUEL TANK WELDING JOINT AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed on September 30, 2003 in connection with the above application, Applicants hereby elect the claims in Invention I (claims 1 - 5, 12 - 14, and 21 - 23, drawn to fuel tank welding joint apparatus) without traverse.

Examination of the present application in view of the above election is respectfully requested.

Please charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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